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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M. G. L., c. 30A, § 2, that the Attorney General will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to regulations 940 CMR 14.00, *Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes*.

The hearing will be held October 21, 2010 at 10:00am at the Attorney General's Office in Conference Room B, Second Floor, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the public hearing. The Office encourages all interested parties to submit testimony to the following addresses:

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or

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Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document and type "Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address.

Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 pm on October 29, 2010.

A copy of the proposed regulations and background information is available on the Attorney General's web site at www.mass.gov/ago/regulations. Copies may also be obtained by calling Sarah St. Pierre at 617-963-2058.

The changes to the regulations eliminate the minimum loss requirement for the victim, increase the funeral allowance, allow for crime scene clean-up and security devices reimbursement, and expand mental health benefits for non-offending parents of victims. The revisions also adjust the timeline for requesting reconsideration, giving notice of a decision, and requesting judicial review in district court to reflect the time involved with reviewing such requests.

For special accommodations for the hearing or hearing information in an alternative format, please contact Sarah St. Pierre.